

Booby-trap letters at Kiryat Shmona TO NIXON, ROGERS, LAIRD

Jerusalem Post Staff Three letter bombs — addressed to President Nixon and two senior U.S. Cabinet officials — were defused yesterday by Israeli police explosives experts after they had been spotted on Tuesday by alert post-office workers in the Upper Galilee town of Kiryat Shmona.

EIGHT PERSONS HURT Letter bomb blasts in 3 Arab capitals

By Arab Affairs Reporter and Agencies At least eight persons were wounded, among them Arab terrorist leaders, when four letter bombs exploded in three Arab capitals in the past 24 hours. Two of the letter bombs went off in Beirut, a third exploded in Tripoli, Libya, and a fourth in Algiers.

The most serious of yesterday's blasts was in Tripoli when the secretary of the Palestine Liberation Office, Mustafa Awad abu Seid, opened a parcel he had just received. He lost his sight in the blast which also wounded two other persons who were with him.

In Beirut, a parcel exploded in the registered mail section of the main post office yesterday, seriously wounding a postman and a girl secretary as the morning mail was being sorted out.

Two others were slightly hurt when a letter posted locally exploded in the hands of a secretary of Beirut's Universal Trading Company, wounding her and an office boy. The letter was addressed to Rafik Nadsheh, Palestinian co-owner of the firm which is an arms dealing contractor. Only this letter was posted locally. The others all originated in Belgrade.

In Algiers, police said Abu Khalil, the P.L.O. representative, was injured on Tuesday night in the explosion of a letter bomb. His injuries were said to be slight. This blast was not reported on Tuesday night, when the Middle East News Agency said in Cairo that a parcel addressed to a P.L.O. leader, was defused after a postal clerk became suspicious as he saw a piece of wire sticking out.

The Libyan news agency said the blast went off as Abu Zeid was about to open a parcel mailed from Belgrade. It said the P.L.O. official was at the time on his way out of the post office, talking to a Palestinian, Adnan Suleiman, and a Libyan, Mahmud Ayyoub, both of whom suffered slight injuries.

BLAME 'ZIONISTS' The agency quoted local sources as claiming that "Zionist terrorists" were responsible for the operation. The news of the blast was broadcast last night by the Libyan state radio just after it reported the arrival in Tripoli of the body of Adel Zu'aiter, the Fatah chief representative in Rome, who was shot dead in the Italian capital last week.

In Beirut, the Lebanese authorities said the first explosion occurred at 8.20 a.m. The second went off about an hour later at the Universal Trading Company.

This week's letter bombings in Arab capitals is the second wave of such incidents since July, when booby trapped mail was addressed to prominent Palestinian in Beirut. These had been attributed by the local press to Israeli intelligence and Jordanian secret agents.

Some of the previous letter bombs were detected and rendered harmless but others had exploded in terrorist offices, blinding one leader and seriously wounding another. The July bombings began with the explosion of a car which killed the official spokesman of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Ghassan Kanafani.

The latest bombings came at a time when the Fatah is torn by a rift, with open rebellion threatening its leader, Yasser Arafat, led by Abu Youssef al Kayed. Yesterday it was reported from Beirut (for the second time in a week) that al Kayed had left for Algeria, this time with 10 of his supporters. Reuter reported that it was decided to send him to Algeria to prevent further intra-Fatah clashes.

Two fast at Wall for Zalmanson

Two immigrants from the Soviet Union who arrived here only three weeks ago, held a one-day fast at the Western Wall in Jerusalem yesterday to protest conditions in Soviet labour camps where Jews are being held.

They struck in sympathy with 34 other prisoners of Zion in Kuznetskaya who held a hunger strike yesterday in an effort to obtain freedom for Silva Zalmanson, who marked her 25th birthday in the Potma camp, and in her health.

The two, Arkady Woloshin and Elisaveta Trachtenberg, both 26, were held in the same camp with Silva. They said they were released after being detained in Potma for two years and came to Israel on payment of a 7,700 rouble (about US\$3,000) tax.

Many came to the Wall yesterday to visit them, sitting with them was Silva's uncle, Avraham Zalmanson. (HM) (Knesset debate — Page 3)

Nixon meets Kissinger third time

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon met for more than an hour yesterday with his national security adviser Henry Kissinger, in their third conference since Dr. Kissinger returned on Monday from meetings in Saigon with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

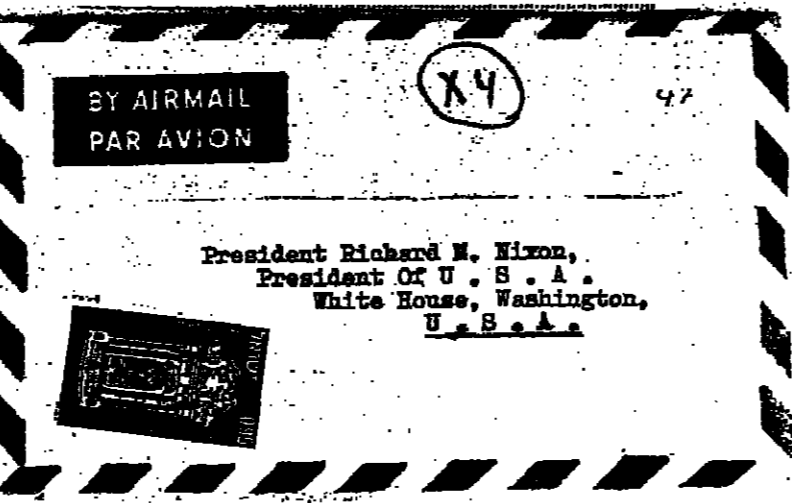
White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler declined to discuss the substance of the conversations. Mr. Ziegler, asked about a report that Mr. Nixon and Mr. Thieu might meet to discuss proposals for ending the war, said there was no plan for such a session. He also said President Nixon has "no plans" for a report to the public on the Vietnam peace negotiations before the November 7 election.

In Paris yesterday the Viet Cong demanded that the U.S. abandon President Thieu to prove that it really wants peace and ruled out a cease-fire as long as Mr. Thieu remains in charge in Saigon.

U.S. Defence Secretary Melvin Laird said yesterday before leaving for London to attend a Nato ministerial meeting that the U.S. would continue to use its air power in North and South Vietnam.

Reports from Saigon said President Nixon had ordered U.S. planes to limit raids to below the 20th parallel, 75 miles south of Hanoi, but Mr. Laird refused to comment on any possible bombing curtailment.

Mr. Laird, who told reporters he had met President Nixon and Dr. Kissinger during the past two days, refused to comment on the peace discussions except to repeat earlier comments that they had reached a significant, sensitive and serious stage. (UPI, AP)



Facsimile of letter addressed to President Nixon which was discovered in Kiryat Shmona yesterday.

Elazar: We must take offensive against terror

As long as there are terrorist bases in neighbouring countries, "from which murderers go out to attack Israelis and Jews, we must wage an offensive war against them," the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, said yesterday. Speaking to a passing-out parade of Armoured Corps and Armoured Infantry officers and N.C.O.s, Rav-Aluf Elazar said that, while the Arab countries continue to observe the cease-fire, terrorist attacks were also continuing. He warned that Israel therefore wage a planned and constant war of attack — "and it is in such warfare that the armoured force plays a prominent role."

On the parade ground, the officers and N.C.O.s stood in formation against a massive background of steel — dozens of Centurion and Patton tanks. The passing-out parade was reviewed by the Chief of Staff, the O/C Armoured Corps, Aluf Avraham Adan; and hundreds of parents, friends and other invited guests.

J'lem says diplomat released too hastily

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent Sources in Jerusalem said unofficially yesterday that they were unpleasantly surprised at the speed with which the Dutch authorities had released the Algerian diplomat caught with explosives and grenades at Amsterdam airport on Tuesday night. The sources granted that there was no possibility of arresting the man since he had diplomatic immunity, but they thought the Dutch might have detained him longer and "made more of an issue" out of the episode.

On the other hand there was praise in Jerusalem for the Dutch security measures which had led to the diplomat's apprehension. The Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Israel was in contact with the Dutch government in order to establish the exact details of the apprehension and obtain as much information as possible from the diplomats interrogation. "We are still studying the facts," the sources said.

The Israeli ambassador to The Hague, Mr. Hanan Bar-On, was expected to call on the Dutch authorities seeking further information on Monday's incident at Schiphol Airport, where the weapons were found in two suitcases. The Foreign Ministry is also in contact with a number of other governments over the episode, including several Latin American governments. The diplomat was said to be heading for Latin America; unconfirmed reports give his final destination as Brazil. Observers speculated that Jerusalem would demand of the South American host government that it declare the diplomat persona non grata.

Officials stressed that the apprehension of the Algerian diplomat in Amsterdam had dramatically proved Israel's suspicions that some Arab states are behind the terrorists and that some Arab embassies serve in effect as bases and supply centres for terrorist activities abroad. The officials said they were convinced that the Algerian was not a unique case, but rather he was symptomatic of a widespread phenomenon.

Jordanian goes free despite explosives

AMSTERDAM. — A Jordanian with an Algerian diplomatic passport, who was found on Monday to be carrying arms and ammunition in his suitcases at Schiphol Airport has, probably left for Latin America via Frankfurt, Germany, an airport source here said yesterday.

One of his confiscated suitcases contained eight kg. of high explosive, a supply of detonators, five hand grenades and 21 letter bombs. A second suitcase, seized from the 33-year-old diplomat, identified only as R.H., contained five pistols and ammunition, a Justice Ministry spokesman said.

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METALLIC FEEL

"Itim" reports that the postmaster, Mr. Horowitz, said his suspicion was aroused by the fact that the envelopes appeared to contain something metallic. Also, the residents of Kiryat Shmona are not in the habit of corresponding with President Nixon or his Cabinet members, he added.

The letters were immediately sent to the Safad-Kinneret District Police headquarters at Tiberias. From there they were forwarded to National Police Headquarters in Tel Aviv, where experts yesterday confirmed the letters were booby trapped and defused them.

National Police Spokesman Mordechai Tavor yesterday announced: "This morning the envelopes were examined by members of the security forces and were found to contain explosive charges, similar to the envelopes mailed from Amsterdam last month to Israeli officials and embassies in various parts of the world."

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Demonstrations shatter five-day calm in Santiago

SANTIAGO (Reuter). — Chilean Police and Army troops fired gas canisters and water cannon to scatter groups of right-wing demonstrators here yesterday, shattering a five-day period of calm in the city centre.

Gangs of youths taunted police on street corners in what appeared to be a deliberate attempt to spark fresh trouble as a two-week-old "bosses strike" against the Marxist-led coalition government appeared to be drawing to a close.

Steel-helmeted soldiers armed with automatic weapons jumped from Land Rovers to cause troublemakers. Carabineros — para-military police — used vomit gas as well as tear gas. City centre streets were filled with choking, crying people.

Sirhan Sirhan asks High Court to review case

WASHINGTON (AP). — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan appealed yesterday to the Supreme Court to review his conviction of murdering Robert F. Kennedy.

Lawyers for the Arab immigrant said a team of psychiatrists, physicians, psychologists and others have uncovered "significant physical evidence" that Sirhan did not fire the bullet that killed the New York senator on June 5, 1968, at the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles.

Sirhan was convicted in April, 1969 of murder and five counts of assault to commit murder in the Kennedy shooting. His death sentence was reduced to this year to life imprisonment, after the California Supreme Court declared capital punishment to be unconstitutional.

Tax free UJA, UIA funds challenged

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A group of private citizens yesterday filed suit in the U.S. district court here, seeking to eliminate tax exemption on contributions to the United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Abdeen Jabara of Detroit, attorney for the plaintiffs, told a press conference that the funds collected for these organizations really go for political and propaganda work in Israel and the U.S. He said the two organizations do not maintain control over funds once they are sent to Israel, and therefore do not meet the requirements for tax exemption under the Internal Revenue code.

E. German F.M. in Syria for talks

DAMASCUS (UPI). — East German Foreign Minister Otto Winzer arrived yesterday for a four-day visit and talks on the Middle East.

Mr. Winzer told newsmen he talks with Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam will aim at strengthening relations and cooperation between the two countries. He declared his country's "absolute support for the Arab people's struggle against imperialism and Zionism," the agency said.

Cairo army group to Moscow

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Egyptian Premier Aziz Sidky said last night that an Egyptian military delegation will leave for Moscow on November 10 for a five-day visit and talks. The Soviet Union, he said, will abide by all its commitments to strengthen Egypt in "the battle" against Israel.

Mr. Sidky made his statement before the Egyptian Parliament and the Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's sole political party, which held a joint meeting last night under the chairmanship of President Sadat.

Mr. Sidky gave no indication that the Soviet Kremlin leaders would be visiting Egypt in the near future. He implied that in his talks with Soviet leaders on his recent trip to Moscow, they had inquired if Egypt was diverting from its normal policies, including the path of socialism.

His statement sounded nearly identical to the joint Soviet-Egyptian communique issued after his visit. At one point he said that the Soviet Union pledged to carry out its continued support for Egypt and the European countries "within its capabilities."

Earlier, Reuter quoted Cairo sources as saying that Premier Kosygin may come to Egypt by this weekend.

White House raps 'Post' on election spy charges

WASHINGTON. — A fierce political controversy was touched off yesterday by a "Washington Post" report claiming Mr. E.C. "Bob" Haldeman, a top Nixon aide was authorized to approve spending from a secret fund used for political spying and sabotage against Democratic candidates.

Mr. Haldeman is White House Chief-of-Staff and, as such, is close to the President. Democratic Presidential Candidate Sen. George McGovern, said of the report: "It is true, and I believe it is, it places the whole ugly mess of corruption, sabotage and espionage squarely in the lap of Richard Nixon."

The White House scolded the "Post" yesterday of engaging in "slandering assassination" and "vicious abuse of the journalistic process" in its reporting.

White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler was specifically critical of the lead story in yesterday's editions of the "Post," which quoted unnamed sources as saying Mr. Haldeman was linked to a "secret fund" used for espionage and sabotage.

Mr. Ziegler emphasized he was talking to newsmen "as a spokesman for the White House." "This is a political effort by the 'Washington Post,' well conceived and coordinated with the aim of discrediting this administration," he said.

In what was the most strongly worded White House blast against any publication in recent memory, Mr. Ziegler said of "Post" stories: "This is a vicious abuse of the journalistic process. It is political and... a blatant effort at character assassination."

He accused the "Post" of "building hearsay upon hearsay" and in subsequent editions, of turning rumours into fact on its editorial page. Asked to explain the motivation he feels the "Post" has, Mr. Ziegler said it would not be difficult to establish that the newspaper's executive editor, Benjamin C. Bradlee, "is not a supporter of President Nixon."

Eban: Immediate peace never anticipated

Jerusalem Post Reporter Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that immediately after the Six Day War there was no one in Israel who felt that the Middle East was "on the verge of peace."

Speaking to the closing session of the Conference of American Women's ORT in Jerusalem, the Minister said that not one article or book had been written at that time which anticipated immediate peace.

On the contrary, he continued, Israel's fear at the time was that it would be forced to withdraw from the territories without a peace agreement.

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# Unrest continues in Kupat Holim, customs, bus co-ops, shipyards

Kupat Holim doctors, Lod Customs House officials, and Ashdod Port crane operators are continuing partial strikes. Other strikes threaten in bus transport, civil aviation, the Israel Shipyards, high schools and universities.

## Doctors may be sued

TEL AVIV.—Kupat Holim may sue its doctors for failing to work a split shift. To press their demands that a physician be named director-general of Kupat Holim, the doctors for the past nine days have been working a single 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift, rather than regular shifts from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and this is a violation of their work contract, Mr. Stefan Grajek, of the Kupat Holim Central Committee, said yesterday.

The Central Committee is to meet in an emergency session tomorrow to discuss suing the doctors, Mr. Grajek said. If the Central Committee decides to take this step, its decision will be submitted on Sunday to Mr. Yehoshua Ben-Aharon, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, for his approval.

Today, the Knesset Public Affairs Committee is to hear reports from three separate bodies on the dispute. They are: the Israel Medical Association, whose chairman, Dr. Rami Yehud, is also chairman of the Organization of Kupat Holim Doctors; representatives of the Ministry of Health; and members of the Central Committee of Kupat Holim.

Health Minister Victor Shiemtov is also expected to meet with the doctors to discuss means for ending the dispute.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday called on the rank and file of Kupat Holim doctors to persuade their leadership to abandon their walkout. The Histadrut, he said, would go to court, only as a final resort, to obtain a back-to-work order. Mr. Ben-Aharon was speaking to a group of Social Science professionals at a seminar in Beit Anahon near Netanya.

Kupat Holim hospitals resumed normal work yesterday after a one-day strike during which they operated on a reduced "Sabbath schedule."

retarded children. The partial strike of crane operators in Ashdod Port is continuing.

The Civil Aviation workers will hold a warning strike for four hours on Sunday, with the approval of the Lydda Labour Council (given against the wishes of the Histadrut Trade Union Department). The workers are demanding extra flight pay.

The Israel Shipyards workers yesterday called off their partial strike, shortly before the Labour Court was to hear management's application for a back-to-work order. At the same time the workers filed the 15-day notice required by law in advance of a strike.

The 40 employees of the Lezhaller institution for retarded children in Herzliya held a four-hour warning strike yesterday, demanding that management pay severance pay to three workers who have retired, in addition to their pensions. The workers warned they would go out on strike if a settlement was not reached by November 1. The institution cares for 150 retarded children, many of whom would have nowhere to go in the event of a strike.

Three giant cranes for handling containers are idle at Ashdod Port ever since they arrived three months ago. The workers refuse to operate them, demanding a high premium bonus for their operation.

TEL AVIV.—Secondary School Teachers Association representatives are to meet with members of the Ministerial Wages Committee this morning to examine the teachers' complaint that their pay has been steadily regressing in comparison with that of other professions, especially engineers, to whose grading the teachers' salaries are linked.

This will be the first session of an inquiry the teachers have been demanding from the Minister of Education. The teachers now demand that a beginning teacher with an M.A. degree be given a grading equivalent to that of an engineer employed at Grade 3. (At present a teacher with an M.A. starts work at engineers' Grade 4.)

The Central Council of the Secondary School Teachers Association has empowered the Association Executive "to take all measures"—including a strike—to back these demands.

Goods pile up at Lod Customs

LOD AIRPORT.—The partial strike by customs workers here continued yesterday, as long queues collected at the Customs House in the hope of releasing their goods.

Talks between strikers and the Histadrut, which opposes the sanctions, have had no results until now. The go-slow has been in effect since Sunday. While exports are being allowed through without inspection, imported goods are transferred to bonded warehouses in Tel Aviv and elsewhere. Some items are freed by Jaffa customs workers, who are not striking, but these constitute a very small portion.



Heinrich Boell, Nobel Prize winner (centre), on arrival at Haifa Port yesterday. He was flanked as he left the ship by the West German Hon. Consul in Haifa, Mr. Kessler, and by German Ambassador Jesso von Puttkamer.

# Boell here: Still 'pockets of unpleasantness' in Germany

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—"When I look at a map of Israel, the vulnerable borders, the smallness compared to your enemies, something tugs at my heart. I start to fear, I start to fear," Heinrich Boell, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, said here yesterday.

The West German author arrived with his wife Annmarie and their 24-year-old son Rene aboard the a.s. Apothonia for a "strictly private" fortnight's visit. They were received by the West German Ambassador, Mr. Jesso von Puttkamer.

Answering questions put by this reporter concerning his stand on Israel, Mr. Boell added, "That is the fate of countries established by the big powers. They are vulnerable, and perhaps they were deliberately made vulnerable."

Asked whether this meant he favored Israel's remaining within its present (post-1967) borders, the writer smiled: "God forbid that I make a declaration favoring the annexation of territories. That is your

problem; you must settle it with your neighbors."

The stocky 62-year-old writer said he would spend the fortnight touring the country in a hired car and visiting his other son, a conscientious objector who is doing his (German) national service by working in a Jerusalem home for the blind.

Mr. Boell still seemed not to have completely recovered from his surprise at being named Nobel Prize winner. He admitted he was hurt by the objections raised in certain circles in Germany—"not because they oppose my getting the prize, but because their objections stem from political rather than literary grounds. There are still pockets of unpleasantness in the German Federal Republic," he added with a wry smile.

He also said his visit would make it impossible for him to help Chancellor Willy Brandt's election campaign. "I had planned to devote three or four months to it, with Guenter Grass, next year. But now

that the elections were advanced I shall miss the campaign."

Speaking later yesterday in Jerusalem, to The Post's Sasha Selan, Mr. Boell flatly denied accusations that he had supported the Baader-Meinhoff terrorist group. These allegations came from Axel Springer publications, he said.

"Mr. Springer owns 50 per cent of the German press, and I have just a typewriter and a telephone," the author said. "There's political animosity between us, but I am not against animosity."

On the German terrorist group, he said, "I oppose their theory and their practice. They're negative, and they're also criminals."

Mr. Boell said he did not have an opinion to give on the Arab-Israeli conflict, because he was not well enough informed. He intends to meet with Israeli authors here, especially those who write about the Israeli-Arab conflict and are critical of the official stand.

Relations between Israel and West Germany are "absolutely normal," he said, but added that the two states have a special relationship—both are young states.

# Labour hits Ben-Aharon

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—A lively Labour Party debate is expected following publication of a pamphlet sharply critical of Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon.

Criticism is expressed by prominent Labour Party trade unionists and leading politicians of the party's former Mapai wing, all known supporters of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. "Where does Ben-Aharon lead?" the booklet was edited by Davar columnist and Labour Party Central Committee member Zalman Yoeli. It was sent to all 600 members of the party Central Committee.

Condition executive chairman Moshe Baran writes: "Ben-Aharon does not reflect the majority view in the party. I rise up in protest against the manner in which he puts the Minister of Finance in a bad light." Knesset Finance Committee Chairman Israel Kargman writes: "Ben-Aharon's demagoguery is dangerous, because it is untrue. His school of thought was rejected even by Mapai, even if they do not say so in public. If a potential investor should hear this talk of profit-sharing, 'sucking the blood of workers, feathering benarons' etc., it is doubtful whether anyone would invest any money in Israel." Mr. Zeev Haring M.K. states: "I do not oppose class struggle which is adjusted to national realities, but I am against pseudo-radical claptrap that awakens pointless expectations."

## 9 Arabs detained for illegal work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BERSHEVA.—Arab police yesterday arrested nine Arab residents of the administered territories who were illegally employed at Masada and at the Ein Gedl Field School.

Their illegal employment was reported by an inspection team of the Labour Ministry's Employment Service. A subcontractor engaged by the National Parks Authority was employing three Gasa residents at Masada, and six residents of Jericho in Ein Gedl.

In the past month more than 300 unauthorized workers from the administered areas have been arrested in the Negev area, and it is believed that at least 500 more illegally employed Arabs work there. Some 4,000 Arabs from the areas are legally employed in the district.

A WELL BABY CLINIC has been opened by the Health Ministry in Sekania, the largest Arab village in Galilee. This clinic is the second for the village, which has a population of 8,000.

**THE WEATHER**

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with local rain mainly in north and central Israel. Weather synopsis: Cold low west of Cyprus moves eastward.

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## Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received Mr. David Horowitz, former Governor of the Bank of Israel, who presented him with a copy of his book, "Enigma of Economic Growth." The President also received Mrs. Emma Schaver of Detroit.

President Shazar yesterday afternoon received members of the Anti-Cancer League, which is opening its annual fund-raising drive on November 7.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. Shazar gave a reception for delegates to the conference of the European Association of Music Festivals, who later called on Tourism Minister Moshe Kol at the Knesset.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Mr. Leon Mirelman, chairman of the Magbit in Argentina, and Mrs. Mirelman; Mr. and Mrs. Slon Cohen Imach; Mr. Shlomo Fiszbein; and Mr. S. J. Kreutner were guests at a dinner given earlier this week by the world chairman of Keren Hayesod and Mrs. Ezra Z. Shapiro.

A reception for the Sephardi Chief Rabbi-elect, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, was given yesterday at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem, where the rabbi took up his offices. Among those present were Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig, rabbis, yeshiva heads and leaders of the Sephardi community.

Editors and reporters from Israel's daily papers held a farewell reception in Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon for Alim (Res.) Aharon Yacov, former Chief of Army Intelligence, who has become a special adviser to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Mattias Hinterscheid, president of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Luxembourg, and Mr. Robert Meis, secretary-general, were guests of honor at a farewell reception held yesterday by Histadrut leaders in Tel Aviv.

A reception was held last night by the Jerusalem Municipality for 41 members of the Berlin youth leaders group led Mrs. Irma Haase.

Mrs. Lily Perry, chairman of "Operation Wheelchair" of London, was given a reception yesterday by the medical staff of Rambam Hospital in Haifa, in recognition of her committee's gift to Israel's hospitals of \$36,000 worth of medical equipment.

Mr. Baruch Amir, director of the Ayalon Project, will speak on "The Ayalon Throughway," at today's weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, at the Z.O.A. House, at 1.15 pm.

## IN MEMORIAM

A memorial ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 29, at 2 p.m., at the graveside of the late Sam Yaffe, at the Kfar Pines cemetery.

## ARRIVALS

Prof. Timos Valasek of the Institute of Child Health, Athens, as guest of the Foreign Ministry and the Hadassah Medical Organization, to confer on joint research projects with the staff of the metabolic laboratory of Hadassah Hospital.

## DEPARTURES

Mr. Mendel Shani, director of Sheba Medical Centre (Tel. Ashdod), to London and New York for discussions on expansion of the hospital's clinical services (by El Al).

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# No agreement in dispute over university fees

No agreement was reached yesterday in the dispute between the country's university students and the Government and universities. Both the heads of the country's institutions of higher learning and representatives of the Student Union called on Education Minister Yigal Alon to mediate in the tuition fees dispute which threatens to keep the universities closed next week.

Despite more than seven hours of deliberations, the students and the university heads—meeting at Bar-Ilan University—were unable to reach agreement. Mr. Alon has consented to hear the two sides today.

The point of contention between the students and the university authorities is the way in which needy students are to be compensated for the hikes in tuition fees. The students demand that a IL250 grant be given those single students who earn less than IL600 per month and to those married students whose monthly income does not exceed IL800.

The university heads suggest that IL300 loans be given those students who cannot afford the IL1,080 yearly tuition fee (for undergraduate studies) and that a IL3m scholarship fund be set up to aid students deemed needy according to criteria to be drawn up by a joint committee.

Hebrew University President Avraham Harman told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that tuition fees constitute about 9 per cent of the University's budget. "Our budget is so tight that every tenth of a per cent is important," he said.

# Feuding clans accept truce—sulha to follow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE.—Local notables in western Galilee yesterday persuaded two feuding clans to call a truce after a spate of violence which led to the killing of a young teacher, Ehsad Sheldat, in Sakhuin village a fortnight ago.

The truce—between the Kasoum and Sheldat clans—was negotiated by Local Council Chairman Jamal Tarabalyeh and notables from neighbouring villages. It permits members of the Kasoum family who had fled the village for fear of reprisals from the victim's family—to return home.

The only exceptions are to be the suspected murderer's brothers and sisters. They will remain at their place of sanctuary, Ibelin village, exiled in accordance with tribal tradition.

Delegates of the two clans are to meet 40 days after the murder to negotiate a sulha (reconciliation). (Even if such a sulha is achieved, however, it will not prevent the police from charging the suspect with murder.)

THREE LARGE BRUSHFIRES raged in Galilee yesterday, destroying large areas of undergrowth and pastures, but doing little damage to trees. J.N.F. staff and firefighters had difficulty in bringing the fires under control because of the sharav.

A YEAR AFTER THE DEATH OF OUR BELOVED

**RACHEL ALLWEIL**

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# Four killed in triple crash

AFULA.—Four persons were killed and five others—including three children—injured in a three-vehicle collision yesterday evening at the Magiddo junction on the Afula road.

A truck coming from Jenin collided at the junction with a Mercedes car coming from Afula. The truck veered and struck a bus carrying workers from Jenin, which had stopped to pick up passengers.

Four occupants of the taxi were killed. Three children in the taxi were seriously injured. The bus driver was also seriously hurt, and one of his passengers sustained light injuries.

The dead and injured, who were not identified last night, are all from Yafia, near Nazareth. (Itm)

Two men drown off T.A. beaches

TEL AVIV.—Two bodies which were washed up on Tel Aviv beaches Tuesday were identified by police last night.

The body of a middle-aged man, washed up on the Gordon Beach, was identified as that of Harry Levy, 62, a tourist from England. He had been staying with relatives in Tel Aviv.

The second body, discovered at Tel Baruch Beach, was found to be that of David Schechter, 36, of Rehov Ra'ak, Ramat Gan.

Both men were swimming when they were pulled under and vanished from sight. (Itm)

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Inspector-General of the Israel Police Force

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SHILOMO HILLEL Minister of Police



# Begin: Hunger strike in Soviet camps Knesset takes up Russian attitude to Jews, prisoners

By ASHER WALKFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The recent exemption of over 100 Soviet Jewish professionals from the ransom tax on emigrants was a welcome event, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday, but it was still premature to assess its implications. Replying to a Gahal motion for the agenda in the Knesset about the increasing mistreatment of Soviet prisoners in the Soviet Union, Mr. Eban said the exemption might be a tactical move, stemming from the Soviet authorities' increasing sensitivity to world opinion, and their apprehension lest important Soviet international interests suffer — in the U.S. and Europe, especially. The exemption might also be intended to weaken the international campaign to get the Soviet ransom decree annulled, he said.

"We have yet to see whether these exemptions are a one-time gesture or the beginning of some kind of change," the Minister said. He said the worldwide campaign against the tax had prospects which still remained to be realized — a sense that struggle had to continue and intensify. The struggle against the tax was only one aspect of the wider campaign for the right of all Soviet Jews to emigrate. Mr. Eban read out the names of 39 prisoners of Zion still behind bars in Russia, and made special mention of activist Sylvia Zalmanov's courage and dedication, in the "rigorous and inhuman conditions" she was placed. (See "Western Wall protest" this page.)

He detailed the many countries where protests had been publicly held about the Soviet decree, and noted the numerous public bodies and organized groups which had lent their voices to the campaign. Membran Begim (Gahal) said said that the exemption was meted out to Russian prisoners transported into exile, in special trains. The trains travelled sometimes for weeks, with criminals abusing the political prisoners. Once in the camps, he said, the prisoners of Zion suffer hunger, cold and filth. But recently some of the imprisoned Soviet Jews have been shifted eastward to still-worse camps. Mr. Eban said it was high

time the world probed conditions in Soviet prisons and concentration camps, which are far worse than those which existed in Tsarist days. Sylvia Zalmanov, who was 28 years old yesterday, has been sentenced to solitary confinement in a dark cell for six months, although she is seriously ill. Mr. Eban said Jewish prisoners in the Soviet camps staged a hunger strike in protest. Freedom of immigration for Soviet Jews is not the only problem on the agenda, Mr. Eban warned. More urgent still is the need to protect their lives and ensure their safety from the deprecations of anti-Semitic hooligans. Whereas the Russian authorities in the past banned anti-Semitism, Mr. Eban said, today they are encouraging it and allowing the populace to give rein to its basest instincts. Anti-Semitic material is rampant in the Soviet press, he warned, so that propagandists may feel that the authorities are behind them.

He urged that the Knesset Speakers at once cable his counterparts on Capitol Hill, in Washington, to have resolutions passed protesting the plight of Soviet Jewry. Premier Golda Meir should put the same request to President Nixon, he urged.

The chamber was in uproar when New Communist Avraham Levenbraun accused Mr. Eban of anti-Soviet incitement which was not aimed at helping Soviet Jewry. "They live as equals," Mr. Levenbraun said. The incitement was aimed at spoiling the new mood of rapprochement between Moscow and Washington, he charged. As Mr. Levenbraun went back to his seat, Premier Meir called to him: "You poor man!"

The Gahal motion was voted to the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee by a vote of 55 against two (the New Communist). Then Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu issued a call in the name of the House to the parliaments of the world to raise their voices against Soviet policy.

## LAW TO FINANCE PARTIES Price of democracy — IL18m. a year

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Knesset factions will get Treasury subsidies for the financing of the 1973 election campaign (as in 1969), as well as operating expenses for the years each faction is represented in the House. The sums allocated will be calculated on the relative strength of each faction, with each member "earning" his party's amount to be decided periodically by the Knesset Finance Committee, subject to the approval of the House.

The bill, an amendment to the Knesset Elections Law, was passed on the first reading by an absolute majority of 63 members, with 11 voting against and four members abstaining. Whereas in 1969 the sum each party received was calculated on the number of mandates it held in the previous Knesset, the parties will now receive advances before the election — with the final sum being calculated on the results of the elections, and the number of seats held by each party in the new Knesset. The monthly sum allocated for running expenses over the four-year term will be five per cent of the total granted to each party for the elections.

Thus, if the sum allocated for the elections is IL150,000 per mandate, as unofficially proposed, the factions will receive IL7,500 per month for each member in operating expenses. The move is expected to cost the Treasury IL70m. over the next four years. According to the Knesset Finance Committee chairman, Israel Kargman, who presented the bill in the name of the Coalition and Gahal, the subsidy to be paid by the Treasury is the "price of democracy." If the people of Israel want to live in a democratic regime, he said, they have to be prepared to pay for it. According to his calculations

the subsidy given to the parties by the Treasury will, in the long run, cost the public less than if the present system of parties soliciting donations from large firms and corporations continues. What is happening at present is that the parties are receiving donations from businesses, who then make good the donation by charging higher prices, he said.

The bill prohibits the parties from soliciting donations from enterprises and corporations, but allows individuals to continue giving donations to the parties of their choice. The State Comptroller will ensure that this is respected; but, as some Knesset members noted yesterday, the bill is full of loopholes and it is highly doubtful whether a company intent on making a donation can be prevented from doing so.

The bill was supported by the Alignment, the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals, as well as Gahal. Voting against were the New Communists, the Communists, Haiman Hasek, the Free Centre, the State List, Paldi Agudat Yisrael, Mr. Shalom Cohen and Mr. Meir Avizolar. Agudat Yisrael abstained. The only alternate proposal to the bill came from Uri Avnery of Ha'odam Hasek, who suggested that instead of the amount being worked out per mandate an equal sum be initially granted to each faction and a smaller amount be added for each additional seat won. Two other amendments to the Knesset Election Bill were also passed by an absolute majority. The first corrects the final distribution of surplus votes, compensating the larger factions for alleged discrimination. The second ensures that no candidate be called for army reserve duty in the weeks prior to the election.

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
The Cabinet table was conspicuously empty when the election and party financing bill was debated yesterday morning. The ministers all made sure to arrive at the House before the session opened — but they chatted outside the chamber, as if to emphasize that the measure was of no real importance to them — as a private members' bill. However, the parties sponsoring the bill had put out a three-line whip to make sure it got the minimum 61 votes necessary (as amendments to the Knesset Elections Law require). So Cabinet ministers and party leaders scurried in quickly when the voting gong sounded through the building. Premier Golda Meir, however, who spent over an hour in the building, only entered the chamber after the vote was announced and the next

## Seniority said to exempt from ransom tax

JOD AIRPORT. — Jewish professionals with 20 years' seniority may save the U.S.S.R. without paying the ransom. Immigrants from Russia reported here yesterday. The newcomers, from Kishinev, said they were told this by Soviet Interior Ministry officials there before they left. They were part of a large group of immigrants who arrived yesterday by El Al from Vienna.

## J'lem bus rowdy fined IL500

A Jerusalem youth who beat up an egghead ticket inspector when asked to show his bus ticket was sentenced Monday to a IL500 fine and a four months suspended jail term in the Capital's Magistrate's Court. Zion Avraham, 20, had been riding the bus last November when ticket inspector Ehud Ronen asked him to prove he had paid the fare. Instead of showing a ticket, Avraham began shouting insults at Ronen and even struck him a number of times. Magistrate Ya'acov Bazak, in issuing sentence, stressed the importance of protecting the public from such outbursts of hooliganism. Avraham's suspended sentence can be activated over the next four years. (TSM)

## Tempers rise as Knesset debates Palmah book

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Tempers rose in the Knesset yesterday afternoon when the House debated a publication by the Ministry of Education and Culture on the history of the Palmah, which Gahal insisted was "a collection of lies" and "a distortion of history." Presenting a motion for the agenda on the pamphlet, written by deputy Palmah commander Uri Brenner and published by the Ministry, Mr. Gideon Patt of Gahal said the publication, due to be distributed among teachers and educators, placed the Yrgun Zvai Leumi (IZL) and LEY (Stern group) fighters in a negative light. It described them as terrorists and charged that they robbed Jews to finance their unsavory actions against both the Arabs and the British. The pamphlet also intimated that several Jewish deaths could be attributed to the right-wing action groups.

Mr. Patt complained that the book — written as official history and blessed with the stamp of officials — by being published by the Ministry of Education would only serve to revive old hatreds and constituted a severe threat to national unity. When Education Minister Yigal Allon mounted the rostrum to defend the publication and the facts it contained, the House erupted in one of the most emotional and bitter debates in recent history. He was unable to utter a sentence without being attacked from the floor, notably by Herut leaders Menahem Begin and Haim Landau — central figures in IZL.

## OLD ANIMOSITIES

The bitter years when Jews hunted Jews prior to the establishment of the State were revived from the benches with all the old animosities coming to the fore. Insult was heaped on insult, accusation upon accusation. Premier Golda Meir and Minister-without-Portfolio Yisrael Galiil did their best to defend their colleague, as did the many old Palmahniks on the Alignment benches; but their comments were lost in the pandemonium and drowned by the pounding of Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu's gavel. Speaker Yeshayahu, in a desperate attempt to restore order, at one stage hinted that he would have Mr. Begin thrown out. Mr. Allon's justification of the

pamphlet was vague. It had been published, as were many others by the Ministry, on the occasion of the Palmah's 30th anniversary. Uri Brenner was not only a former deputy chief of the Palmah, but also a teacher of national renown. He continued that Mr. Patt had quoted whole sentences out of context. Many of the derogatory phrases were direct quotes from official decisions made by the national institutions at the time, and thus the author could not be held responsible for their wording. His explanation failed to satisfy not only Gahal, but also the State List, who effectively managed to rouse former Rafi members (now Alignment M.K.s) into defending former Premier David Ben-Gurion.

## ARMY'S DEVELOPMENT

The point these members most hotly contested was the final paragraph, in which Mr. Brenner claims that the development of the Israel Defence Forces had been retarded by the decision to disband the Palmah. Mr. Allon, former commander of the Palmah, stated publicly yesterday that he agreed with Mr. Brenner's views — a statement which was met with hostility from many who believe that Ben-Gurion had been justified in disbanding the Palmah as an essential step in preventing the establishment of political groups in the army.

The motion was eventually defeated by 33 votes to 23, with 11 abstentions, including some from within the Alignment benches. As the two-hour argument neared an end, Speaker Yeshayahu audibly sighed: "Thank God" only to be disappointed that his job was not over when Zalmann Shoval of the State List rose to suggest that the motion be referred to committee. This was defeated as well, but only after the exhausted members — who had managed to regain their second wind during the voting — continued the fight for another 15 minutes.

The session ended with nobody the wiser as to why the Ministry of Education had decided to publish the book, but with many old animosities freshly stirred up. Well after the Knesset closed its doors, Mr. Begin could be heard lecturing Mr. Allon's young assistant, whom he had caught on the way to the car park on the Minister's alleged distortion of history.

## Police crash wedding, arrest bridegroom

TEL AVIV. — Members of the Tel Aviv Police Fraud Division this week found themselves unwelcome guests at a wedding. They shouted *masal tov* with the rest of the guests as the ceremony ended; they politely stood in line to congratulate the bride and her new husband — and then arrested him. The bridegroom, aged 23, is suspected of belonging to a gang of swindlers who have been buying furniture with forged promissory notes and then reselling the furniture for cash. The fraud is said to have amounted to IL100,000. Following the arrest of a first suspect last week, the police investigation led them to a second alleged member of the gang. They found him at the wedding hall, getting married. The bridegroom was immediately freed on bail and allowed to depart with his bride. The following morning, however, he was taken into custody. The suspect is expected to be brought before a magistrate today.

## BEERSHEVA'S BIRTHRATE

went down by about 10 per cent last month — probably as a result of the German measles epidemic which hit the country's southern seven months ago, which caused numerous abortions. In the past month 450 births were registered, compared to more than 500 the previous month. A BEDUIN, Ahmed Ben Sami Zubaidat, 19, of Bismat Tab'oun village in Galilee was fined IL100 in Haifa Magistrate's Court Tuesday, for shooting off live ammunition at a Beduin wedding last year.

## 4 youths get three years for car thefts

HAIFA. — Four youths convicted of stealing cars and driving them without licences were yesterday sentenced to three years' imprisonment, fined IL3,000 each, and were prohibited from ever obtaining a driver's licence in the future. The four, aged 16 to 18, have previous convictions for similar offences. They were arrested last March, when they were spotted in a stolen car by a police patrol. They were ordered to stop but sped off. During the pursuit they collided with another car. No one was hurt. The names of three of the youths were withheld because they are still minors. The fourth was Khaled al-Khamour, 18. All are residents of Wadi Nisnas.

## IL1,000 fine for 'loss of memory'

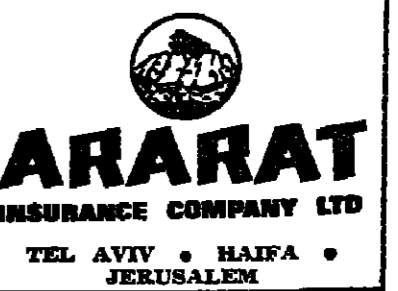
TEL AVIV. — A man from Bat Yam who failed to identify in court the man he had previously claimed to have been burgling his flat was yesterday fined IL1,000 and given a three-month suspended sentence. Yoram Siman-Tov, 21, had complained to the police that a man named Meir Azut had broken into his flat. Azut was arrested and brought to trial. Asked at the trial to identify the burglar, Siman-Tov said he had never seen Azut before in his life. Azut was acquitted, and Siman-Tov was charged and convicted of giving misleading evidence. (TSM)

## Cyclists must wear helmets in town now

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A regulation requiring all motorcyclists and scooter drivers to wear safety helmets goes into effect November 1. The Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday that the regulation is the "second stage" of a five-year-old regulation making the wearing of such helmets mandatory on inter-urban roads. Studies made by Technion safety experts have shown that 87 per cent of the accidents involving two-wheeled motor vehicles occur in the cities, the spokesman said. Moreover, over 80 per cent of the fatalities in these accidents are caused by head injuries.

The decision to enact the new regulation followed Transport Minister Shim'on Peres' consultations with medical experts, who confirmed the above findings. Nevertheless, safety helmets will not have to be worn during the months of July and August. The Minister decided, in view of the discomfort caused by the heat. The helmets must contain a label bearing the manufacturer's name and emblem; whether its use is for a motorcycle or scooter; approval of the Commissioner of Road Transport; white reflector strips — 2.5cm. wide — around the brim and in the centre, from the peak to the back. Regulation helmets and the strips can be obtained at all motorcycle and scooter supply shops, garages and some petrol stations.



## Farkas gets another chance

NAZARETH. — "Escape artist" Nahman Farkas, has again been given a chance to mend his ways. Farkas, whose latest escapade with the law involved the growing of Indian hemp (from which hashish is made) and assaulting the secretary of Moshav Amirim, was yesterday given an eight-month suspended sentence by District Court Judge Yosef Margalit here.

The judge decided not to send Farkas back to prison. This came after the father of the girl with whom Farkas had recently been living in a cave near Rosh Pina told the court he would look after Farkas "like a son" — find him a job and provide the couple with a flat. The girl is in her ninth month of pregnancy. Farkas was represented in court by Mr. Zvi Lidsky. Farkas, who was sentenced to a nine-year jail term for robbery in 1961, made several escapes including one to Egypt, where he spent 18 months. He emerged from his cave hide-out last August, barefoot and unkempt, and gave himself up after learning that the police were looking for him. (TSM)

## Road Safety Month, public asked to help

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
By ERNIE MEYER

Road Safety Month, designed to increase public awareness of road hazards and the precautions to be taken, officially opened yesterday. For the first time the Israel Defence Forces will take an active part in the activities planned for the month, and the campaign will also include the West Bank this year, the Transport Ministry spokesman said. Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi and the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents are co-sponsors. The month-long campaign is timed to coincide with the automobile winterizing campaign.

During Road Safety Month the Transport Ministry will operate three public liaison offices, to which the public is invited to report all cases of defective road surfaces, faulty road signs, malfunctioning traffic or street lights, and any other traffic hazards. The offices will forward the information to the pertinent authorities and follow up any action taken as a result of it. Informants will be notified upon completion of repair work done at their initiative. Telephone numbers of the offices: Jerusalem — 60251, 233905; Tel Aviv — 54379, 54675; Haifa — 641761.

The 230 members of the safety patrols, which assist Tel Aviv police in their traffic duties, will now also be empowered to issue parking tickets, the Transport Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. This is a further extension of the authority of the uniformed patrolmen. They are, for the most part, students who have undergone special training and who do this work on a part-time basis. Police have plans to establish similar patrols in Jerusalem and Haifa, the spokesman said.

All road safety measures adopted in Israel are to be applied to the West Bank too, Mr. Ya'acobi said yesterday. The decision comes in the wake of a steep increase in accidents in Judea and Samaria. The number of injured this year rose 17 per cent over the same period last year. During May and June fatalities increased by 30 per cent, he told representatives of the Military Government in Jerusalem.

## J'lem continues building crackdown

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The Jerusalem Municipality's continuing crackdown on illegal building was marked yesterday by court orders halting construction projects in East and West Jerusalem. A prominent Jerusalem contractor, Yosef Yadiu, was ordered to halt work on a house he had started to build at 8 Rehov Hamelitz in the Greek Colony. No plans had been submitted for the building. In Shuafat, Sadi Barakat was ordered to stop work he had begun on an additional storey. While he had submitted plans, no decision had yet been made by the authorities. In Abu Tor, the Asila brothers were ordered to halt work on a building for which no plans had been submitted.

At 17 Rehov Helena Hamalka, opposite the Russian Compound, work has been ordered halted on a wedding hall for which plans have not yet been approved by the District Planning Commission. One dead, one hurt in wall cave-in

HAIFA. — A building demolition crew, when they were buried under a wall which unexpectedly collapsed at a work site in Wadi Salib here on Tuesday afternoon. Mustafa Ben Issa Nasser, 35, of Arraba village, was killed instantly. One of his co-workers, Abdul Rahman Likhik, 40, of Jenin, was taken to Rambam Hospital. Police and Labour Ministry officials are investigating the accident.

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### A CIVIL DEFENCE

exercise at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem Tuesday came as a complete surprise to the staff — which nevertheless reacted quickly and efficiently, and admitted the 50 mock casualties sent to it within a matter of minutes. It was reported yesterday.

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# FOUR MEN KILLED U.S. crash on carrier destroys \$30m. in jets

SAIGON (Reuters). — Four men were killed and nine supersonic jets worth \$30m. were wrecked Tuesday night when an American fighter-bomber crashed on the aircraft-carrier Midway in the South China Sea, the U.S. command said yesterday. Another 22 men were injured and one was listed as missing, presumably overboard.

It was the second major accident aboard a U.S. Seventh Fleet ship in less than a month.

A U.S. spokesman said the starboard landing gear on an A-6 Intruder jet collapsed as the aircraft hit the deck. The fighter-bomber slid across the deck and smashed into other aircraft, parked on the bow of the carrier.

Meanwhile, a partial halt to American bombing of North Vietnam was reported in Saigon yesterday as Communist rockets fell on six southern towns, causing big civilian casualties.

# Filipinos give up 120,000 weapons in voluntary drive

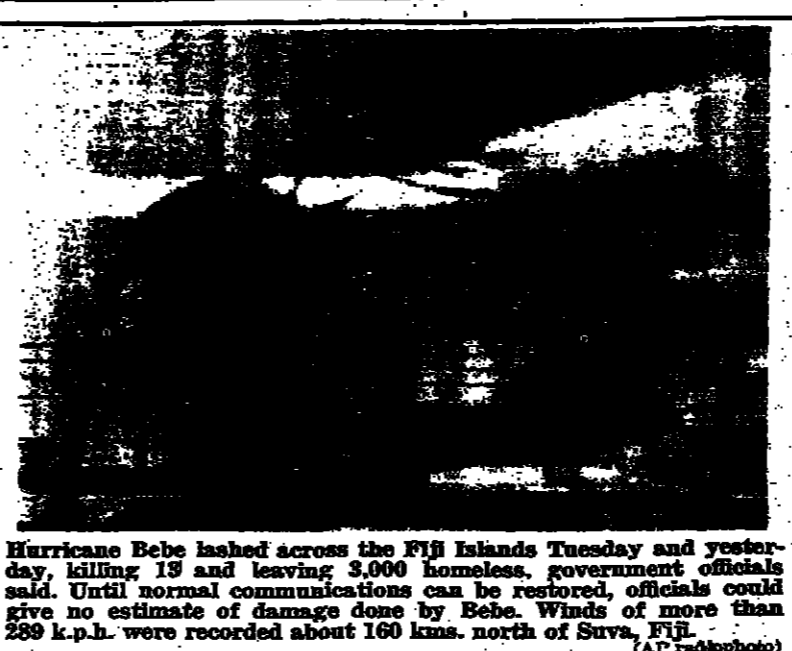
MANILA (UPI). — Thousands of Filipinos trooped to military collection points yesterday to surrender unauthorized firearms on the last day of a nationwide disarmament drive, ordered under martial law, police said.

Twelve hours from the deadline for the voluntary, no-penalty surrender of firearms, military authorities estimated that about 120,000 weapons, including grenade launchers, machineguns, heavy rifles and home-made pistols, were handed in.

President Marcos ordered the collection of all unauthorized firearms and all licensed high-powered firearms as part of his martial law crackdown on alleged private armies of crime syndicates, political warlords and all lawless elements.

National police headquarters said Congressman Jose Alberto topped the list of individuals with a total of 123 surrendered firearms.

"We have an idea of those who have hidden arsenals stashed away somewhere or even those buried by their owners. We will get all of them with the use of the latest detector equipment and also with the use of our most sophisticated detectors — neighbours, friends and relatives of these individuals," said Brig.-Gen. Fidel Ramos, the police chief.



Hurricane Bebe lashed across the Fiji Islands Tuesday and yesterday, killing 19 and leaving 3,000 homeless, government officials said. Until normal communications can be restored, officials could give no estimate of damage done by Bebe. Winds of more than 250 k.p.h. were recorded about 160 kms. north of Suva. (AP Photo)

# No U.N. ruling on Israel official speaking for Jews

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The President of the General Assembly, Mr. Stanislaw Trepockynski of Poland, yesterday declined to rule on an Arab delegate's suggestion that Israeli representatives should be regarded as out of order if they claim to speak for the Jewish people.

The point was raised by Ambassador Abdul Malek Ismail, the permanent representative of South Yemen, during a speech to the assembly by Ambassador Ovadia Soffer of Israel.

Mr. Soffer, taking part in a debate on decolonisation, had been drawing parallels between the Jewish people and Zionism, and the African people's drive for national liberation.

Intervening on a point of order, Mr. Ismail asked whether the representative of Israel could speak on behalf of a religion.

The Assembly president said Mr. Soffer was speaking as a representative of Israel.

Later, at the end of the session, Mr. Ismail asked whether it could be understood that in the future, whenever an Israeli delegate spoke in the name of Jews, the reference "could be eliminated from that statement" and the name of Israel substituted for it.

"Whenever any official of Israel talks here in the United Nations, mentioning that he is a representative of the Jewish people, it's wrong, it's incorrect, and it's against the fundamental spirit of the charter," he said.

# Soviet world record: Gave up smoking 57 times in year

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union claimed a world record yesterday.

It was for the most times someone has given up smoking in one year.

The morning cough award went to an engineer named Zhuravov who gave up the habit 57 times. "The Weekly Literary Gazette" said on its humour page.

"The previous record of 50 times was held by the American writer Mark Twain," the paper said.

# Sterling continues to take a beating

LONDON (UPI). — The pound took a hammering in foreign exchange markets yesterday and plummeted to a low of 2.3550 dollars following renewed selling from the continent. On Tuesday it hit a record low of 2.3148.

As the pound dropped feeling mounted in financial quarters that it was time for a statement from the Bank of England or the Treasury about the true value of Britain's currency.

Dealers said there was little sign of very active trading but one market man asked about the state of the market simply said, "downwards."

Though some experts were saying the Bank of England might have stepped in Tuesday to stop sterling slipping any more against the dollar, there was no evidence of this yesterday. Economic talks at Prime Minister Edward Heath's 10 Downing Street residence today and the threat of a power workers strike over wages had a depressing effect on the currency.

Financial expert said yesterday the present "excitement" proves the wisdom of the government in refusing to give way to Common Market pressure, mainly French, to set a date for a return to fixed parity for sterling.

Certain home factors helped to dissolve confidence further, with the continuing rapid inflation in the economy being the leading cause. There was concern too, over the C.B.I. (Confederation of British Industry) — T.U.C. (Trade Unions Congress) talks on the economy and the effects of possible industrial action by the power workers. The talks reopen today.

The imponderable now, and it must be bothering continental speculators, is whether the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," the Bank of England, is setting a trap for speculators. It is possible.

If they have it in mind to fix the pound at its old level of 2.40 dollars when the time comes, they would suit them well to let the rate slide temporarily, and then apply a bear squeeze. They would buy pounds back at the cheaper rate and cause the speculators to lose millions.

Just before midday the pound had rallied to 2.3620 dollars. The pound also weakened against nearly all continental centres, but the dollar stayed firm.

# Showdown averted Serbian party chiefs quit after Tito attack

BELGRADE (Reuters). — The two top leaders of the Serbian Communist Party have resigned after a stinging attack by President Tito, the party leadership announced yesterday.

Serbian party chairman Marko Nikesic and Mrs. Latinka Perovic, secretary of the party unit in Yugoslavia's biggest region, stepped down after President Tito said Serbian leaders were too liberal and had directly challenged his policies.

The Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug said their resignations were accepted by the Serbian party's central committee last Saturday, five days after President Tito's criticisms were published.

Mr. Nikesic, a 51-year-old intellectual, had run the party in Serbia for the last four years. He is a former Foreign Minister and Ambassador to the U.S., Egypt and Czechoslovakia.

No successors to the key posts in the Serbian party unit were immediately announced. They will probably be chosen later this week. The resignations appeared to have averted a damaging public showdown between President Tito and the party leadership in Serbia, the most powerful of Yugoslavia's six constituent republics.

They have been feuding over demands by the 90-year-old President for a more influential role for the League of Communists, the ruling party's official name in Yugoslavia, to combat economic and other abuses.

Unlike Communist parties elsewhere in Eastern Europe, the Yugoslav League of Communists has confined itself to a guiding role, giving wide autonomy to industrial enterprises and local communes.

President Tito's aides say he has no plan to tamper with this system which has produced impressive economic results, but wants only to sharpen ideological vigilance and to ensure basic doctrines are followed.

# Lebanon grants wage increase

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Lebanese Cabinet yesterday decreed a five per cent wage increase for employees of the private sector, retroactive from May 11 it was announced here.

It should not be over L\$50 (L\$6.6) or under L\$45.

The Cabinet also decided to raise minimum salaries from L\$185 (L\$24.6) to L\$205 (L\$27.3).

# New Saudi army chief in Jordan

AMMAN (UPI). — Brig. Mohammed Al-Sheikh, the new commander of the Saudi Arabia Forces in Jordan, arrived in Amman yesterday and met Premier Ahmad Lawzi, government sources said.

Sheikh was accompanied by the outgoing commander, Lt.-Gen. Mohammed Ben Amer, who was transferred to Saudi Arabia.

# Frankfurt buys synagogue picture Nazis burned

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP). — The Nazis burned down the synagogue and labelled the artist who had painted a picture of it a degenerate. Now, the city of Frankfurt has paid DM750,000 (\$250,000) to acquire Max Beckmann's 1939 painting, "The Synagogue."

The city put up \$80,000 and raised the rest through a public fund-raising drive, which included sale of posters bearing prints of the painting. The painting had been on loan to the City Art Museum, The Staedel, where it will continue to be on display.

The cost of the painting had come under criticism locally, because it far exceeds the city's annual museum budget.

The expressionistic work is painted in Beckmann's distinctive primitive style with wildly tilting buildings and lampposts. The synagogue in the painting was destroyed in 1938.

Beckmann, who had worked in Frankfurt, Berlin and Munich, fled Nazi Germany in 1937 and went to Amsterdam. In 1947, he moved to the United States and died in New York City in 1950 at the age of 67.

# Fires destroying Lebanon's vast cedar forests

BEIRUT (AP). — Three Lebanese villages were threatened yesterday by raging fires that have destroyed vast areas of cedar forests near Beirut, a fire brigade spokesman reported.

More than 300 firemen fought the blaze and army helicopters sprayed chemicals at eight affected areas, he said.

He called it the worst wave of forest fires in Lebanon's modern history, but said no casualties were reported so far.

Smokes billowed over the northern outskirts of the capital where fire swept across huge mountain forests and came "dangerously close" to the villages of Antillas, Fawar and Jal El Dikh.

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# \$96,000 bribes paid to ministers in Morocco

RABAT (Reuters). — A Moroccan businessman said in court here on Tuesday that he paid the equivalent of \$96,000 out of his own pocket in bribes to five cabinet ministers, so that a U.S. tyre company would be authorized to expand its plant in Morocco.

A dozen high-ranking officials and businessmen, including six ex-ministers, are being tried for corruption.

"Camar Ben Messoud told the court he paid the money to ex-Finance Minister Mamoun Tahiri and Yahlia Cherchaoui, ex-Minister of Public Works.

Ben Messoud said he received no commission from the company for clinching the deal and that he promoted the company's interest because the director "treats me like a son." He added, however, that he received two per cent on the company's sales in certain parts of Morocco and in Tunisia.

# Talks to start on Yemen unity in Cairo today

CAIRO (Reuters). — Mr. Mohsen Al-Aini, Prime Minister of the (North) Yemen Arab Republic, arrived here from Sana'a yesterday for talks with his South Yemen counterpart on a pact of unity between their disputing countries.

Mr. Ali Nasser Mohammed, Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, is due to arrive here today and the talks will open tonight at the Arab League Headquarters.

The two leaders will have before them a draft on unity prepared by their delegates to peace talks which opened here last Saturday to find ways of eliminating causes of tension that have led to intermittent border clashes for the past three years.

# Life for heroin-addicted mother who killed 2 cops

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania (AP). — A 24-year-old mother of four who said she had attempted robbery to support her \$45-a-day heroin habit, was sentenced to life imprisonment on Tuesday, after pleading guilty to the murder of two policemen.

Rose Marie Dinkins pleaded guilty to two counts of murder in the shooting and was sentenced to two concurrent life terms in prison.

The charges stemmed from an exchange of shots at a suburban shopping centre last March 25 in which Sgt. William Schrott and patrolman Bartley Connolly were shot to death. Both were working during their off-duty hours as security guards at the shopping centre.

Witnesses said the gunfight began outside a store that Mrs. Dinkins had attempted to rob. When Sgt. Schrott called on her to halt, the witnesses said, Mrs. Dinkins fired at him once and then fired two more bullets into him as he lay on the ground.

Patrolman Connolly was killed in an ensuing exchange of gunfire with Mrs. Dinkins, who was wounded in which Sgt. William Schrott and

# Protestant chief in Ulster ordered to rest

BELFAST (UPI). — Protestant extremist leader William Craig, yesterday cancelled engagements for the rest of this week on doctors' orders after collapsing on Tuesday evening.

A spokesman for Craig's Vanguard Organization said the former Northern Ireland Home Affairs Minister was "not in serious condition," but has suffered from a kidney stone condition for some time.

Craig's threat last week that he and his followers would "come out and shoot to kill" to keep Northern Ireland, aroused British Army consternation and triggered a "defence pact" between the two feuding wings of the Irish Republican Army.

Earlier, an Army spokesman said two Roman Catholic men pitched-forked to death in a small town near the Irish Republic border may have been victims of a revenge killing.

Slightly more than three years of sectarian strife in Northern Ireland has left 619 persons dead.

# Hoist with his own petard

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — A U.S. Senator who sponsored legislation to require electronic screening of all airline passengers, failed to pass the test at the international airport here yesterday.

Senator Richard Schweiker triggered an alarm on the electronic scanner and was removed from line while waiting to board a flight for Pittsburgh. Airline officials searched his briefcase, found a handgun, and permitted him to board.

The Senator later conducted his own search and found what he suspects set off the alarm — a metal shaving mirror. He praised the airline for security precautions and said he will buy a new mirror, this time made of glass.

# U.N. gets report on malnutrition

ROME (Reuters). — More than 170 million children and expectant mothers in developing countries are suffering from malnutrition, according to a report submitted to the United Nations World Food Programme (W.F.P.) here yesterday.

The report was jointly prepared by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (F.A.O.), the W.F.P. and the World Health Organization (W.H.O.).

It said that 114 million children under six years of age and 57 million expectant mothers suffered from protein and calorie intake deficiency.

It recommended the establishment of national food aid consortia to tackle the problem, with the W.F.P. acting as a focal point to encourage the pooling of resources from international agencies, governments and private organizations.

But the W.F.P.'s nutrition adviser, Dr. Jose Ganga, simultaneously warned that the cost of a minimal programme to help children and mothers would be nearly \$260m. per year.

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# Hijacker-cook nears home

ESBJERG, Denmark (AP). — A radio signal from the North Sea yesterday afternoon indicated the hijacked Danish trawler Nordkap was approaching Danish waters after a three-day voyage with the ship's cook alone on the bridge.

The maritime rescue centre said the Blaavand coastal radio picked up a signal and heard a man say: "Hello, Blaavand. This is Nordkap."

After a brief silence the voice came back saying, "I'm afraid I can't operate this thing." That ended the message.

The Blaavand radio said the signal indicated the Nordkap, if the signal did come from that vessel, was less than 95 kms. off the west coast of Jutland.

It also indicated that Joergen Christiansen, the 28-year-old cook who steered out of Aberdeen, Scotland last Sunday, was being held, and crew behind, was doing well and had made a much faster voyage than so far presumed.

If Christiansen makes it to port in Denmark he will, ironically, have proved that he is capable of skippering a ship — a frustrated dream of his since boyhood. Defective eyesight prevented him from qualifying for a master's certificate.

# Daylight saving will keep Jews from ballot box

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — The introduction of daylight saving time in eastern Australia means that Orthodox Jews will be unable to personally cast ballots in the election on December 2, which falls on Saturday.

Orthodox Jews "will not be able to mark their vote," Rabbi Isaac Rapaport, Chief Rabbi of the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation, said yesterday.

The Sabbath ends half an hour after sunset, which on December 2 is at 7.30 p.m., but because of daylight saving, the clocks will have been put forward an hour to 8.30 p.m. and polling will close at 8 p.m.

The Jews will not be disenfranchised, however. The Electoral Act allows for postal ballots to be cast when a person's religious beliefs prevent his attendance at a polling booth.

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THE OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT

Complaint about the President's residence is accepted

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent This is the second article to be published in The Post on the first annual report of the Ombudsman, the Commissioner for Public Complaints, which was released earlier this month. The first Post article was published on October 17.

A COMPLAINT was received from neighbours against the President's new residence in Jerusalem. The height of the wall blocks the view and obscures the daylight in one of the flats (but as it is below ground level, any structure would have blocked the daylight, the report observes). Other objections are that the air-conditioning makes a disturbing noise, and the chimneys of the central heating system are not high enough. Both the latter complaints were accepted by the Commissioner, who requested the Public Works Department to find a solution.

A MEAN of 65, whose family number here is nine persons, gets IL168 from the social welfare authorities. He complained that it is not enough. The report confirmed that this benefit was correctly calculated, according to the rules. Whether it is sufficient, the Ombudsman is not entitled to say. The size of the allocation is a budgetary decision, taken by the country's elected representatives.

The report adds that the social welfare bureau also covers the family's medical insurance, and can approve certain extra allowances on the merits of the case. The Commissioner called on the bureau to consider the complainant's application for a clothing grant. They did so, and authorized a one-time benefit of IL150.

AN aged, blind man lived in Rechaim, without anybody to look after him. His wife had left him, and lived with her sister in Kiryat Ata. His daughters also lived in Kiryat Ata, with their families. One daughter was ready to look after him if he moved to her city. The social welfare authorities rejected his application for accommodation there. It turned out that the social welfare bureau in Rechaim had supported the request in a letter to the bureau in Kiryat Ata. The latter had answered that the daughter was herself a social case and was not in a position to take on additional responsibilities. At the Ombudsman's request the case was reopened. It was decided in the end that relocation of the family would be the best solution for all concerned.

A WOMAN employee left the police force with a retirement allowance, proportional to the wages she had received during her period of service. But wages were increased retroactively after she left, the increase overlapping into the last three months of her employment. Her demand for increased retirement allowance was rejected.

On scanning the relevant collective agreement, the Commissioner found that retroactive adjustments apply only to those who are entitled to severance pay. She had not been entitled, and was given instead a retirement allowance at the discretion of her employer, so she had no right to any adjustment.

NAHARIYA charged one of its residents a certain tax erroneously. He asked for his money back. The authorities agreed to refund it on condition he gave them back his original receipt. He refused — and the Ombudsman backed him in this.

A CITIZEN in Gan Shomron paid a certain bill twice, so was entitled to a refund of IL800. But the local authority deducted IL100 from the repayment, which it claimed he owed to one of the locality's enterprises (a debt he had disputed). The Ombudsman disapproved of this deduction.

A MAN in Ashkelon was overcharged on his water bill because of an error in the installation of the water meters. The local authority notified him that his account was credited with IL218. The Ombudsman wanted to know why they did not refund him the money in cash; which they did.

COMPLAINTS are varied. One came from the owner of a citrus grove in Hadera, who was angry with the local labour exchange for not sending him enough workers at harvest time. Another case brought the Ombudsman to the following conclusion: that when a fatal accident occurs, it is the duty of the police to notify the family, and to ban the broadcasting of names on the radio (if the relative says so) until all close members of the family have been informed.

AN old-age pensioner notified the National Insurance Institute that his wife had died, requesting that his pension be adjusted. He received the following reply: "Dear Sir or Madam, May we inform you of an alteration in the old-age pension paid to you under the National Insurance Law.

We have recorded a change in the situation of the wife, who ceases to have pension rights as from August 1971. Accordingly the benefit will henceforth be IL96 a month." The recipient was so offended by the style of this letter that he complained to the Ombudsman. Problem facing the National Insurance Institute: how to make the computer address itself with more consideration to the bereaved.



Wolfgang Lotz, the former Israeli spy in Egypt, arrives with his wife Waltraud at Heathrow Airport in London for the publication of his autobiography today. The book, "The Champagne Spy", is based on Lotz's experiences in Egypt. He was arrested in Cairo in 1965 and was exchanged for Egyptian prisoners after the Six Day War. (AP radiophoto)

Hakoah - T.A. Hapoel main weekend match

By PAUL KOEN Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The 'big soccer clash' this Saturday will take place at the Galei Gil stadium in Ramat Gan between the new League leaders Hakoah and 4th placed Tel Aviv Hapoel.

Hakoah, at its best playing at home, is an extremely difficult nut to crack, and if their forwards Yehuda Sharaban, Zvi Farkas and Moshe Derbi can find their touch they are capable of scoring goals. Also the club's defence record is matched only by Jaffa Maccabi.

Tel Aviv Hapoel last week beat Haifa Maccabi 3:1, and only Haifa Hapoel can match them for scoring ability this season. Hazum and Felgenbaum, possibly supported by Bachmowitz, lead the Tel Aviv attack, but Hakoah at home appears to hold a slight edge.

If Hakoah slip, Jaffa Maccabi is likely to be right there ready to regain the leadership. Jaffa Maccabi is at home to struggling Marmorek Hapoel. The Jaffa defence of Nino, Katsav and Michael are capable of holding anything the Rehovot team can throw at them, and it appears a question of how many times Onana and Co. can find the Marmorek net.

has a dangerous forward line led by Vicky Peretz.

This week, only two English football matches appear on the Sportsbook coupon, but they too do not provide us with confident markings. Manchester United are at home to Tottenham. Whilst the Manchester side is floundering near the foot of the table, Spurs too have lost two consecutive games. I would not care to oppose the Manchester club at home, despite the large gap in the league positions of these clubs in favour of Spurs.

The mighty Leeds United is once again looming up on the early First Division post-setters. They travel to Wolverhampton this week, to meet another club tipped to finish very near the top of the table. Led by Derek Dougan, the Irish international, and John Richards, an up and coming player for England, Wolves can be expected to give the Leeds a hard run for points. A draw is a likely result of this clash.

No punter managed to forecast an all correct line last week, which means that the first prize money will accumulate to this week's games. A minimum of IL325,000 will be paid out as first prize. Twelve correct results out of 13 games brought cheques of IL7,000 each. The 93 persons who marked 11 correct results won IL525 and ten results were worth IL52.

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U.S. choir to do 'Messiah' here

Jerusalem Post Reporter Handel's "Messiah" will be performed five times in Israel during December by a chorus of 250 singers from the U.S. — to be accompanied by Apollo 15 astronaut Col. James E. Irwin. Astronaut Irwin will introduce each performance with a film of his moon walk during the Apollo 15 flight.

The singers plan to give evening performances of the "Messiah" at the Jerusalem Theatre on December 23, in Nazareth on December 24; and at three other places, yet to be decided. A dress rehearsal at the Jerusalem Theatre on December 22 will be open to student groups at no cost.

The choir will also perform in Jordan and will give a performance for King Hussein on December 30, which will be televised. The choir is composed of singers from Baylor University in Waco, Texas; Brewton-Parker College, Mt. Vernon, Georgia; and Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. David Malar, of the Meier International Study League, who is organizing the choir's trip, said the singers will be joined by the members of the Protestant Community Choir.

Enough bomb shelters within 5 years — Burg

The Government has spent IL120m. in the past five years to construct over 2,000 bomb shelters, Interior Minister Yosef Burg told a meeting of senior defence workers in Jerusalem yesterday. The Minister said the current five-year plan aims at providing sufficient shelters for the entire population.

BIG EGYPTIAN PRESENCE IN SUDAN ENDING

BEIRUT. — President Jaafar Numeiry of Sudan has blamed deterioration in Egyptian-Sudanese relations on President Anwar Sadat, the newspaper "An Nahar" said yesterday. Gen. Numeiry, in an interview with "An Nahar," disclosed for the first time that Egypt had maintained a large military presence in the Sudan but that it was being withdrawn.

Gen. Numeiry complained that Mr. Sadat did not consult Sudan on major decisions even though Sudanese troops had been based along the Suez Canal. He said when Mr. Sadat had declared 1971 a "year of decision" in the Arab conflict with Israel, Sudan was taken by surprise.

"We ourselves have forces in the Suez Canal front, and if there were to be war, these forces would have to fight," he said, according to "An Nahar." "In the Sudan, there were Egyptian divisions receiving training and there were hideouts for Egyptian planes and stations for Egyptian destroyers and submarines."

He added that he had received scores of messages from Sudanese troops saying their staying on the Suez Canal doing nothing had become boring. The no-peace, no-war situation resulted in a "regrettable psychological situation," he said.

President Numeiry said that following the crisis with Egypt, "our forces on the Suez Canal front were harassed, and he felt disturbed at these reports."

Gen. Numeiry quoted President Sadat as saying he had accepted a U.S. offer to start clearing the Suez Canal. President Numeiry said the statement was made during a meeting in Alexandria, presumably last year, and Sadat had said he was "on the way to reaching an understanding with the U.S., that American officials offered him

\$100m. to begin work on clearing the Suez Canal and that he had accepted the offer." Asked why he did not undertake any initiative to remedy the situation between Egypt and Sudan, President Numeiry said: "Sadat is responsible for what happened. If the initiative comes from Egypt, I shall welcome it." Questioned whether he proposed a specific meeting, the Sudanese President said: "I do not propose, but believe, a meeting should be on a summit level, and it is not important whether it is held in Khartoum or Cairo."

President Numeiry said he also welcomed a meeting of Arab Kings and Heads of State in Khartoum where they would "renew their adherence to the three no's approved at the summit held in the Sudanese capital in 1967 (following the Six Day War) — no peace, no recognition and no compromise over the rights of the Palestine people." He explained that "those who were committed to the three no's no longer abide by them and the only thing that remained of the summit's resolutions is steadfast (financial) aid." (UPI, Reuters)

VISITORS' GALLERY

Keeping 'sane in an insane situation'

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Ralph Kaplan, a California-based columnist and news commentator, now here with U.J.A. mission, says he will vote a straight Democratic ticket in November, "except for Nixon." He said American Jews feel uncomfortable with anything that smacks of a quota system. "Mr. McGovern has promised the minorities a quota system and Mr. Nixon has publicly disavowed this measure."

Dr. Kaplan said McGovern was a man of integrity, but he is "torn between power groups and his commitments." Born in Lithuania, educated at Riga, Cambridge, and New York universities, Dr. Kaplan's column appears in about 100 newspapers, mainly on the West Coast, and his weekly talk is broadcast over some 30 radio stations.

He worked in the education field in Israel for over 20 years, until 1950, and for two years after that, the State extended his correspondence courses to soldiers — "at that time it was the only way the soldiers could gain an education while in the service." Since 1950, he has lived

DR. RALPH KAPLAN

Keeping 'sane in an insane situation'

in the U.S., mainly in California. He is an economic consultant for the Beverly Hills Bancorp, which provides financial and asset management services to its clients, as well as banking services through its affiliates. In Israel, Bancorp operates through "Yozma," a consulting, management, marketing and export company, which has also made real estate investments. He is sure that the investments are sound and safe here, for "Israel has kept sane in an insane situation." But he finds the youth here a "bit more arrogant than abroad," although this was perhaps an understandable reaction to the military situation in the area. He was accompanied here by his wife, Keiko, a third-generation American-Japanese, who has been converted to Judaism, and that there is much Jewish blood flowing in Japanese veins. "For six years my hus-



Ralph Kaplan

band has been indoctrinating me with a love of Israel; and everything he has said about the country has proven true." So much so, that she is toying with an old idea that the lost ten tribes reached Japan and that there is much Jewish blood flowing in Japanese veins. YACABE DEAN

Memorial events for ghetto revolts

Jerusalem Post Reporter A series of events commemorating the 30th anniversary of the ghetto revolts in Nazi-occupied Europe will be opened by President Shazar next Sunday at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem. This was announced to the press yesterday by the Board Chairman of Yad Vashem, Tat-Aluf (Res.) Yitzhak Arad, who is himself a Holocaust survivor and former partisan fighter.

Mr. Arad, who took over as head of the Yad Vashem Holocaust and Heroism Memorial Authority this summer, said that he was disturbed by evidence of "gross ignorance" of recent Jewish history among Israeli youth. He said he plans to open a new department at Yad Vashem designed to acquaint youth here and abroad with the facts of Jewish suffering and resistance under the Nazis. Mr. Arad also pointed out that much additional research on the Holocaust is still needed, since most existing scientific work on the subject was done from the non-Jewish point of view. This has resulted in an unbalanced view of the Jewish

role during the period, presenting the Jew largely as the "lamb being led to slaughter," he said.

Other plans for Yad Vashem include the building of a Memorial Hall of Names to house the more than 2.5 million individual names of Holocaust victims which have been collected so far. Mr. Arad said. The campaign of collecting these names, which was interrupted some years ago, is to continue now, he added.

Israel seeks backing for air convention

Jerusalem Post Reporter Transport Minister Shimon Peres, in a letter sent to U.S. Secretary of Transportation John Volpe, said Israel will do its best to encourage non-committed nations to sign the Montreal Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of civil aviation, which only eight nations have signed so far. He was replying to a letter from Mr. Volpe asking Israel's help in restoring public confidence in international air transport.

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The State Comptroller reports

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By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
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Official circles point out that since 1966 and 1967 there have been major changes in the leadership of Mekorot and Vered, capped most recently by the appointment of Mrs. Senta Josef as chairman of Mekorot.

Israel 'a nation of academics'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Labour Ministry's employment planning authority will shortly start publication of regular employment opportunities forecasts, to enable youngsters embarking on university studies to avoid over-filling professions...

Speaking at a ceremony to mark the opening of the academic year, Mr. Almog said that the immigration of many academics had changed the manpower situation, and "we are now a nation of academics."

Within the next two years there would be employment difficulties for graduates in the social sciences and humanities and to some extent for aeronautical engineers...



Professor KENNETH J. ARROW



Sir JOHN HICKS

Nobel economic prize to Briton and American

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Professor John R. Hicks of Britain and Professor Kenneth J. Arrow of the U.S. have won the 1972 Nobel Prize for Economic Science...

Israel Chemicals suing U.S. firm for losses at Arad factory

Israel Chemicals will sue the U.S. Madera Corporation, which was its partner in establishing the Arad Chemicals plant, for faulty planning of the plant which allegedly led to huge losses...

SOLE BONEH
Solei Boneh agreed to buy Vered — for \$1m. The debt will have to be repaid by Vered's previous owners...

PERU ROADS
In Peru, the company undertook to build 105 kms. of roadway. The site was a mountainous region making it difficult to bring up heavy equipment...

CP Air starts third weekly flight
Canadian Pacific Airlines this week announced the extension of its Lod-Toronto service to a third flight weekly, effective October 30.

TWO PURSE-SNATCHERS
mounted on a motor scooter grabbed a pocketbook from the hands of Flora Miron on Rehov Tehon in Holo Tuesday evening...

Soviet to build five factories in Egypt

CAIRO (UPI). — The Soviet Union will build five cotton spinning and weaving factories in Egypt, according to an agreement signed by the two countries on Tuesday...

PENSION ALLOWED AFTER 'ARMY HEART ATTACK'

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a decision of the Objections Committee, constituted under the Invalids (Pensions and Rehabilitation) Law, 1959.

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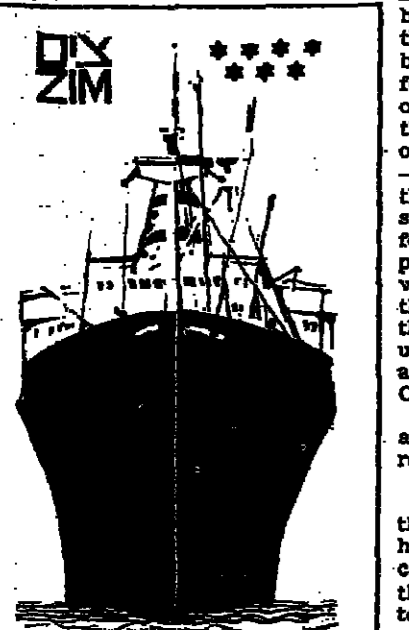
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BONN'S WAR AGAINST THE 'EXILE GROUPS'

By BORIS KIDEL

BONN (Oms) —

THE authorities in Bonn have become hypersensitive about foreign extremists in West Germany since the Munich massacre...

West Germany's chronic labour shortage has brought 3,400,000 foreigners into the country. About 2,400,000 are workers who have become an indispensable component of German economic life...

Until Palestinian terrorists appeared on the scene, Croat nationalists were regarded as the greatest threat to public order. They are the heirs of the nationalist and pro-Fascist Usta-sha movement which ruled the Nazi puppet State of Croatia after the defeat of Yugoslavia during World War II.

The "Croat Revolutionary Brotherhood" is held responsible for the murder of two Yugoslav diplomats on German soil and for other numerous acts of violence. Marshal Tito's Government has frequently protested against the alleged impunity with which Croat nationalists are allowed to use West Germany as a base for their operations...

Although hard evidence is lacking, German officials are convinced that agents of the Yugoslav secret police are waging their own anti-terrorist campaign on West German territory. At least eight Croat exiles have been assassinated since 1968.

With the presence of so many foreigners, the majority from countries with dictatorial regimes, Germany has become the battleground for rival extremist groups of Left and Right. Not only the Yugoslavs but other Governments maintain secret police establishments in Germany to spy on their nationals and to exert pressure if they participate in opposition activities...

What worries the German authorities is that they have virtually no knowledge of what is going on inside the foreign communities. The police simply lack officers with knowledge of



A group of Arabs waiting for exit permits at Frankfurt Airport after the West German authorities had closed the offices of two Palestinian organizations. (AP)

Arabic, Croat, Greek or Turkish to keep extremist groups under observation. That job is complicated by the presence of at least 100,000 foreigners who are living illegally in West Germany, beyond the reach of police control.

The situation among the Greeks is causing the German authorities increasing concern. The Greek secret police are believed to have organized an intricate spy network throughout the country to keep watch on the 395,000 Greek workers and 4,000 students. Its prime task is to combat the 26 Greek anti-regime organizations which include free trade unions, Maoists and a mysterious group calling itself "Trojan Horse."

Greeks hostile to the Colonels' regime in Athens are frequently exposed to threat of reprisals against family members living in Greece. To counteract the influence of the opposition, the Greek Embassy here is said to have sponsored its own organization of regime supporters with headquarters in Munich. At least part of this group, according to German police reports, is planning acts of violence against Greeks hostile to the Athens regime. At the same time, the Greek Government is trying to maintain a hold on workers and their families by sending priests and teachers to Germany who can be trusted to act as propagandists for the regime.

Now that West Germany's relations with

the Communist bloc have drastically improved, the survival of militant refugee organizations has become a political problem for the authorities. About 10,000 East Europeans are estimated to be still engaged in political warfare against Communist regimes in their home countries.

During the Cold War period they were given privileged treatment by the German police. Many of the refugees became connected with intelligence services and radio stations operating from German soil. Today they are a source of serious embarrassment to the West German Government. The most active among them are the anti-Soviet NTS based in Frankfurt and the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists with headquarters in Munich.

The most notable result of the Munich events has been the crackdown on the 67,000 Arabs resident here. About 100 suspected of being associated with terrorist organizations have been expelled and another 1,190 have been refused entry into the country. Moreover, the Palestinian students' and workers' associations have been banned.

Chancellor Willy Brandt's Government is reluctant to interfere with basic democratic rights, but with the maintenance of law and order becoming one of the main political issues in the current election campaign, it is now determined to exercise greater control over the huge foreign population.

Strike threat by students

OF all the recent strike threats, that of the National University Students Union — which warns it will boycott the opening of the school year on Sunday — is perhaps the least understandable.

The announced IL145 tuition hike, bringing the total fee to IL1,080, is automatic under the 1958 Agron committee agreement which links tuition to the Cost-of-Living Index. Last year the increase was IL105. A brief strike then was settled when Education Minister Yigal Alon arranged for about one-third of the students to receive grants covering the increase.

Feeling that after 14 years the Agron agreement was due for review, the Education Ministry eight months ago appointed a committee headed by Labour Court Judge Z. Bar-Niv to study the question.

The report is expected in a few months. Until then the Education Ministry and the universities consider themselves bound by the existing agreement. The students, however, feel the Agron ruling has been abrogated by the fact of the committee's appointment. They accordingly want fees frozen at their present level and consider any new tuition hikes as removing them further from the ultimate goal of free higher education.

The students have all along maintained that it is pointless to negotiate with the universities, since it is the Government which holds the purse strings. Negotiations over the past two days with the university heads produced no results. Another meeting may take place today,

this time including Mr. Alon and Finance Minister Sapir.

Mr. Alon has thus far refused to discuss the fees issue with the students, in line with a Government decision of July 3 this year that negotiations on this will be carried out only with the university heads.

Tuition fees make up about nine per cent of the budgets of the universities, which state they cannot absorb even part of the increases except at the cost of reducing academic standards. The feeling is that the children of affluent families should pay — while needy students will be helped with grants.

Ministry officials state that 15 per cent of the students' families enjoy a high to very high standard of living, 75 per cent are average, while only 10 per cent have low incomes. They point out too that the student grant fund established by the Government and the universities has been increased from IL3m. to IL12m. from 1968 to this year.

While most students are members of the students unions it is open to doubt how many would back a strike call. Only about 20 per cent bother to vote in student elections. Many are prepared to take the present increase in their stride. Technion students, who some months ago broke away from the national union, recently reached a separate agreement with their school based on large-scale grants to needy students.

There is little justification therefore for changing the present direction of policy to satisfy the all too vocal student leaders.

ISRAEL PRESS

THE SUFFERING PATIENTS

While admitting the Kupat Holim doctor's right to campaign for the appointment of a physician as Director-General of the organization, Al Hamishmar (Mapam) calls upon them to desist from their sanctions, since, as the paper puts it, the brunt of the burden is borne by the many thousands of suffering Kupat Holim patients.

That there is collusion between the Labour Alignment and Gahal to raise their membership in the Knesset at the expense of the small parties. The plethora of bills directed against the political survival of the small factions raises legitimate concern, the more so as the Knesset has no constitutional safeguards against these schemes.

Volting surprise at the fact that the Minister of Health had so far not found it necessary to intervene in the Kupat Holim dispute, Ha-tzofe (National Religious Party) calls upon the Government to intervene immediately to settle the dispute, which, says the paper, borders on a public scandal.

Noting that yesterday, Sylvia Zalmanson's twenty-eighth birthday, was solidarity day with all Jewish prisoners in the Soviet Union, Omer (Eilat) goes on to welcome the change in Soviet policy on the academic tax, even if it turns out to be temporary. The conclusion to be drawn, says the paper, is that pressure on the Soviet authorities must be maintained.

Ha'retetz (non-party) suggests

Vietcong believes no early end to war likely

By GEORGE SIBERA

PARIS (UPI) — Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, the Vietcong "Foreign Minister," waved her hands impatiently over latest Vietnam developments and said: "No early cease-fire is in sight... We still have no agreement with the Americans on the basic issues."

The 47-year-old Vietnamese leader accused President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam of blocking the way to peace and accused President Nixon of refusing to overthrow Nixon.

In an exclusive interview with UPI, Mrs. Binh, speaking in her suburban residence at Verrieres-le-Buisson, did not however deny that progress has been made in private talks held by Prof. Henry Kissinger and the North Vietnamese, her allies.

"Our desire is to have a cease-fire put into effect as fast as possible," she said. "This would put an end to the unspeakable suffering of the Vietnamese and allow us to enjoy independence and self-determination."

But, she added, "an early cease-fire is not in sight, and all the rumours to this effect are not based on facts under questioning that in the private talks the Communists had made a concession — agreeing to a prompt cease-fire once there was a basic agreement on the political future of South Vietnam. Previously, the Communists had maintained a rigid link between the implementation of the two issues.

"In order to facilitate the negotiations and show our good will, we have said that if there has been an agreement in principle on concrete questions of a political settlement we will display a flexible attitude" on the cease-fire issue, she said. Mrs. Binh thus confirmed a statement made by North Vietnamese premier Phan Van Dong to "Newsweek" magazine that the Communists would be prepared to accept a cease-fire as the first step towards ending the conflict.

Sitting upright in a soft beige velvet easy chair under the blue red pendant of the Vietcong, Mrs. Binh said firmly that the Communists would not agree to a cease-fire if Thieu stayed in power and the country's political future remained unresolved.

"So long as Mr. Nixon is not ready to disengage himself from Vietnam and maintains Thieu in office, there can be no settlement and therefore no cease-fire," she said.

Mrs. Binh directed much of her criticism at President Nixon. "I think that actually, it's the American policy that is the biggest obstacle to a political settlement. Thieu can go through these acts because the Americans keep him in power."

"In a society like that, it is impossible to find a job and they were forced to become spies and prostitutes. Most of these people came from bankrupt farm families." He told of one prostitute, Chien Chui-hua, who was sold to a Chinese, one of 800 in "old Shanghai," by the farm landlord who had chased her as a concubine when her father couldn't pay the rent.

Some education in ideology and the robbers of Shanghai changed their ways

SHANGHAI (UPI) — The hour is late and the hot tea has grown cold as a group of American visitors talk with five of the men who help run this city of 10 million.

Now, Chang says, Miss Chen is doing productive work in a garbage collecting crew. "She is chief of her group," he says. He rattles off a long string of statistics.

There were 120,000 "filers and prostitutes" in Shanghai when the Communists assumed power in 1949. The population was five million at the time. Russians had divided the city into five districts and it was called the "biggest city" because they began their work at midnight, preying on seamen, travellers and people from the countryside.

The Communists rounded up the criminals and prostitutes — 80,000 of the latter — and gave them "ideological education" and an opportunity to work.

"We furnished jobs for them when they were ready for work," Chang says. By 1955, he estimated, the government effort had resettled more than 60,000 persons. Another 60,000 were "re-educated" by committees of local residents. Infirm people, including street beggars, were given lodgings and care. Others encouraged to move to the countryside with relatives to work, or found jobs in factories.

"There is an old saying that the 'old society turns men into ghosts.' Our new society turns ghosts into men," Chang says.

A social question

Class crime

Chang, clearly irritated, leans forward and looks squarely at the interviewers. "Let us probe this question," he said. "It is not a matter of human instinct. It is a social question. We analyzed the question and we determined it was a social problem. Before the liberation (in 1949) there was a semi-colonial and semi-feudalistic city. There was general bankruptcy in the countryside. A great number of unemployed flowed into Shanghai and other big cities.

He tries when challenged on his figures. Were all of the criminals and prostitutes reformed? Could some of them still be operating? "Not very many," he says, explaining that there still occurs an occasional "class crime" — one person against another. "There are no professional robbers or prostitutes," he says. "Only under our new social system could these questions be solved."

The only policemen seen on the streets in major cities — and at rural intersections — are white-robed traffic cops. We saw many women in the small booths, directing both the automobiles and bicycles, as well as carts and pedestrians. It is a jumble of moving vehicles, horns tooting and bicyclists dodging heavily laden carts.

In Peking, we were told that the police force does have investigations to be had, as at such things as fingerprinting if a major crime occurs.

China uses the rifle squad to execute its most vicious criminals, usually those who commit murders. Officials will not claim the number in Peking, Shanghai or any other city we visited. "Not very many (murders)," is the standard reply.

Minor thefts are treated by "re-education," meaning the culprit is given lectures and criticism by small citizens' groups.

Major thefts or assaults are dealt with similarly by the government, with the most serious offenders sent to work camps.

COMPENSATION BATTLE FOR THALIDOMIDE CHILDREN

By DAVID LENNON

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A picture of a bottle of Johnny Walker whisky and a couple of glasses and the words "have some thalidomide" — "Thanks don't mind if I do" have been featured on posters which have been appearing all over London in the past weeks.

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Selwyn Lloyd, in a crucial ruling said that M.P.s should be allowed to debate a motion that "this House, deeply disturbed about the plight of the thalidomide children, calls upon Distillers (Rhochemicals) Ltd. in dealing with the cases, to face up to their moral responsibility."

This is but one of the more visible signs of the battle over compensation between the parents of children born deformed to mothers who had taken thalidomide and the Distillers Company, the manufacturers and distributors of the drug in Britain.

Legal action

The battle was first brought to public prominence about six weeks ago when the "Sunday Times" started a campaign on "Our thalidomide children," billed as a "Sunday Times" special inquiry, the paper has been featuring stories covering as much as three pages of the paper describing the history of the affair and each week has been publishing a case history of an affected family.

Unable to sue the House of Commons, the company spokesman confined himself to denying an assertion made in the House by Joe Ash-ton, M.P., that the company employs M.P.s to look after its interests.

Britain is not the only country where the thalidomide victims are fighting over compensation. A fierce row is currently raging in Germany where 2,500 children were affected.

In Sweden, Denmark and Norway settlements were made in 1968, though some experts have estimated that the children only received about 50 per cent of what they could have obtained if their cases had been fought through the courts.

Only 20 mothers in the U.S. were affected by the drug as it was only prescribed on clinical trial in that country pending approval for general sale. In one claim there was an out of court settlement in 1969 in the region of \$1m. A California jury awarded another family more than \$1m. and other cases are pending.

In Canada the authorities have taken extensive steps to help victims. Research, training and treatment centres were established; government financial help for victims has been given generously and with liberal interpretation of the cost of treatment, which has even included help for the families.

The thalidomide disaster occurred 11 years ago. Some 8,000 mothers who took the drug bore deformed children, some 60 of them in Britain. While most people assumed that compensation had been made, it now turns out that the bulk of the compensatory claims in Britain are not settled.

In fact, Distillers only paid an average of \$10,000 compensation to 60 children in 1968. Other families declined to accept these terms and the battle continues.

The attitude of Distillers was condemned by the "Sunday Times" in an editorial entitled "Children on our conscience." The editorial said that the figure in the proposed settlement is to be \$3.25m. spread over 10 years. This does not share as a beacon against pre-tax profits last year of \$42m. and company assets worth \$42m. Without in any way surrendering on negligence, Distillers should think again.

A few weeks later, Independent Television broadcast a programme on the plight of the children and the behaviour of Distillers. Last week

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Readers' letters

'Divorce' urged for Kupat Holim

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — At last, the 3,000 striking Kupat Holim doctors have presented us with a perfect example of why the Kupat Holim should be completely divorced from the Histadrut and party politics. If this sick fund were under the control of the Ministry of Health, no such situation would have arisen, since it stands to reason that a doctor, and not a politician, would be the Director-General of such an organization which would then be a Government department. Nor would there be occasion for coercion on the part of the Histadrut to obtain new members by forcing people wishing to join Kupat Holim first to become members of the Histadrut. I think that in the present dispute, most members of Kupat Holim are in sympathy with the doctors, although they are the ones who have to suffer because of the strike. No group of highly trained professionals can be expected to be organized and ordered around by an unqualified outsider. All this goes to show that Kupat Holim must be independent of the Histadrut and political parties. It already receives large yearly subsidies from the Government, which is an additional reason for the Ministry of Health to take charge completely. It is about time that the members of Kupat Holim had a say in the running of their affairs. M. INSHALL. Haifa, October 17.

Bad nights by the garbage

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — I am writing to inform you of a deplorable situation that exists in a large area just south-east of Tel Aviv. Being situated not more than two kilometres from the central garbage dump of Tel Aviv, we are nightly subjected to the most disgusting odours that one can imagine. Even on the hottest nights we are forced to close every window in the flat to keep out the stench that habitually permeates the entire area. It is inconceivable that a city's central garbage dump should be situated so close to the city itself and that its residents should be forced to breathe the most nauseating and foully polluted air. I understand that there has been talk of moving this health hazard to a less densely populated area. On behalf of my neighbours and myself, may I urge you most strenuously to take immediate action in helping us to fight this battle. AVIVA STERN. Tel Aviv, September 19.

The Association of Dan Region Municipalities replies: We understand your reader's feelings about the stench in Haifa from the central garbage dump at Hiriya; this usually occurs when there is an atmospheric depression in the region, usually at night, and when winds blow from the southwest. Our Association acquired jurisdiction over the Hiriya area only about a year and a half ago and did all it could to reduce the stench by covering the garbage with earth. Simultaneously, the Association started to take steps to transfer the garbage dump and the compost plant — which, incidentally, does not belong to us. The Ministry of Health initiated court action against the compost plant company in order to obtain a closure order and it is hoped the court will rule in the matter within a month or two. Incidentally, your reader should be reminded that, at the time the present site was picked for the compost plant and the garbage dump (1960-61) it was at least five kilometres distance from the nearest inhabited area, which was satisfactory from the sanitary point of view and the new quarters which have gone up in the neighbourhood, including the one Mrs. Stern lives in, were built. We hope we shall shortly be able to stop burying garbage at Hiriya and also suspend the activities of the compost plant. MOSEH LJLIAN. Association Engineer. Tel Aviv, October 13.

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